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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

13 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 JUANITA RAMIREZ,

17 Defendant.

18 1:19-CR-02058-SMJ-4

19 United States' Motion for Clarification

20 Plaintiff, United States of America, by and through William D. Hyslop,
21 United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington and Patrick J. Cashman,
22 Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, respectfully
23 submits the following motion for clarification.

24 On December 29, 2020, the Court issued its Order granting the Defendant's
25 motion to suppress statements made to law enforcement. ECF No. 198. In the order,
26 the Court noted when the Defendant was advised she was under arrest, the following
27 conversation occurred:

28 Defendant: Can I, can I call my lawyer.

Deputy Sheriff: When you get to the jail you certainly can.

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1 Defendant: Why, how, how am I involved then? Like how did I do that? Just
2 because they used my...the car's not even under my name.
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4 ECF No. 198, pg. 2, ln. 15-18.
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6 Following this statement, the Defendant further made additional spontaneous
7 statements:
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9 Deputy Sheriff: Well...
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11 Ramirez: Well, I just gave a ride. I don't know anything about no robbery.
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13 Officer Olivas: Do you want me to give her her rights?
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15 Deputy Sheriff: I guess so
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17 Ramirez: [unintelligible] for something I didn't do. Is there bail?
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19 Deputy Sheriff: There will be bail after you see a judge tomorrow.
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21 Ramirez: [unintelligible]
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23 Deputy Sheriff: Yeah.
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25 Ramirez: And that girl she's my friend [unintelligible]
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27 Deputy Sheriff: She's not implicated in the armed robbery.
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29 Ramirez: How do I give them the information to contact?
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31 Deputy Sheriff: She's already gone.
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33 Ramirez: I gave her a ride. I had nothing to do with that.
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35 Deputy Sheriff: With what?
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37 Ramirez: With that other robbery or whatever.
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39 Deputy Sheriff: Okay.
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41 Ramirez: I know nothing to do with that.
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1 Subsequently, the Defendant was taken to the Yakima County Sheriff's station.
2 At the station, the Defendant provided a statement to Detective Tucker, which was the
3 subject of the Court's Order granting the Defendant's suppression motion.

4 The United States seeks clarification as to whether the statements made by the
5 Defendant prior to her being advised of her *Miranda* rights and made not in response
6 to law enforcement questioning remain admissible.

7 In order to have a Fifth Amendment violation, there must be custodial
8 interrogation. *Miranda v. Arizona*, 384 U.S. 436 (1966); *Dickerson v. United States*,
9 530 U.S. 428, 444 (2000). With regard to the statements “[w]hy, how, how am I
10 involved then? Like how did I do that? Just because they used my...the car's not even
11 under my name” and “[w]ell, I just gave a ride. I don't know anything about no
12 robbery,” the Defendant was in custody but her statements were not in response to law
13 enforcement questioning or interrogation. Therefore, no *Miranda* violation occurred
14 and those statement should be admitted.

15 DATED January 26, 2021.

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19 Patrick J. Cashman
20 Assistant United States Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 26, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

Richard Smith

s/*Patrick J. Cashman*
Patrick J. Cashman
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